

Position in respect of anti-poverty programmes in urban areas is given below:

- (i) **Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor:** The scheme is implemented by public sector banks and the Central Government provides capital subsidy at the rate of 25% of the total amount of loan and is routed through the public sector banks. The Central Government releases the subsidy to the RBI. There is no statewide allocation of funds under the scheme. During the period 1988-91, a sum of Rs. 76.65 crores has been released to RBI.

- (ii) **Nehru Rozgar Yojana:** Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deposits of Pyrites in Sikar District

46. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge deposits of pyrites have been found in Sikar district of Rajasthan;

(b) whether Pyrites and Chemicals Limited has formulated a plan to set up a sulphuric acid and superphosphate plant there; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be approved by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Limited, a public sector company, has submitted a Detailed Project Report

and a proposal for setting up a plant to manufacture sulphuric acid and single superphosphate. No date by which the project is likely to be approved, can be given.

[English]

Pineapple Processing Industry in Kerala

47. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Economic Community or any other funding agency has agreed to finance for establishing Pineapple Processing Industry at or near Muvattupuzha in Kerala;

(b) whether EEC or any other external agency has caused inspection to that effect; and

(c) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) and (b). A horticulture and Agro Processing Developmental Project including Pineapple Processing in the State of Kerala was prepared and posed for EEC assistance. The EEC's Appraisal Mission visited various parts of Kerala and appraised the project.

(c) The draft technical and administrative provision on the project have been approved by the Govt. of India, Govt. of Kerala and the EEC.

Rural Roads Corporation

48. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Rural Roads Corporation; and